

Application No. 09/896,812

REMARKS

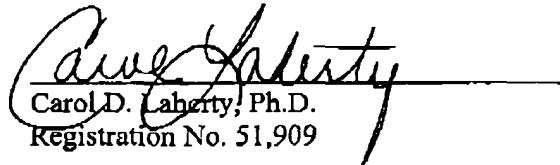
This Supplemental Amendment is provided in response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2003 and supplemental to the Amendment filed October 9, 2003. By way of the Amendment filed October 9, 2003, claims 33, 37, and 42 are canceled, claims 32, 34, 36, and 43 are amended, and claims 64-67 are newly added. By this Supplemental Amendment, claim 36 is amended for additional clarity. Support for this amendment is provided in the application as filed, e.g., on page 8, lines 23-26. No new matter is added to the Application. The amendments are not to be construed as acquiescence to any rejection and are made without prejudice to prosecution of any subject matter cancelled or modified by the amendment in a related divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims remaining in the application are allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. However, should any further issue require attention, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at (206) 622-4900.

Respectfully submitted,

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